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Dear Bob:


Your letter of December 4th was very helpful and the dates of the Fred Smith Photo Exhibit have now been set. The Exhibit will open February 15, 1978 and continue into August, 1978. I am quite excited about it and the aspect of the New Concrete Park which will preserve Fred Smith's work.

As to the Exhibit itself, it would be a real help if you would send both the 8 x 10's and the negatives as soon as possible - air mail, registered and insured - to me here at the Museum. Then a selection can be made of photo blow-ups. Also, include the Smith letters and articles for us to copy! In the light of the Fred Smith park project our Exhibit will be a little boost and when our Exhibit is over I'm sure you can make use of the mounted photographs to encourage interest in the Park Project. Mr. and Mrs. Howlett seem to be enjoying the work of restoration, etc. I would like to be able to 'crop' the blow-ups as necessary for the Exhibit, if you will permit me, and I also want to have an introductory statement which will give you the credit you deserve. So if you have some suggestions, please do not be modest! We will bear all the costs involved - insurance, shipping and photographic costs (blow-ups, etc.). I'll return all the material to you as soon as the Exhibit has been selected and will confer with you about the selections and copy. You'll have to send me the bills from your end for payment. I so wish we could extend an honorarium for your efforts but as I mentioned before our budget is somewhat limited. Anyway, I look forward to putting the Exhibit together and will do all I can to make it a special one!

Tell Marian I looked for the November 'Seventeen' magazine but just missed it at the news stands. Anyway, I'm set to read her "collection" of short stories when it is printed?

My very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Regards,


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Asst. Director

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